



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association
Garth Sundberg, Sr., Chairman

Dear Mr. Sundberg and NCTCA members,

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has appointed Supervisor Rex Bohn and Supervisor Steve Madrone to a Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") - Child Welfare Services ("CWS) Ad Hoc Committee.

The County of Humboldt supports the continuing efforts of DHHS-CWS to change processes, procedures, and organizational culture to better serve Native American children and families. DHHS-CWS is developing an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program, which will specialize in serving Native American families, working with tribes, adhering to ICWA, and following current and prospective Memorandums of Understanding between Tribes and the County of Humboldt. The CWS Ad hoc Committee will serve as the Board's representatives for government-to-government discussions about DHHS-CWS and be responsible for contacting Tribal Chairs through the Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association and/or attending individual Tribal meetings to provide and receive information, to answer questions, and to facilitate discussions to identify targeted services to better serve Native American children and families.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors